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USS San Antonio to visit New York City

New York, NY. – More than 300 Sailors onboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS San Antonio (LPD 17), homported in Norfolk, Va., with Marine elements onboard from Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Norfolk, will pull into New York harbor on Monday, September 11 to commemorate the five year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings.

The ship will pass Ground Zero at approximately 0830 EST., with the Sailors and Marines manning the rails in their dress uniforms.

While in New York the crew of USS San Antonio will participate in ship tours for New York inner-city children and conduct volunteer work in the city.

USS San Antonio is the first ship in the San Antonio class of Amphibious Transport Dock ships. The latest San Antonio class Amphibious Transport Dock ship, currently under construction, is USS New York (LPD 21). Twenty-four tons of steel from the World Trade Center were melted down and used in constructing USS New York.

The San Antonio Class ship fulfills a multitude of missions, which include Command and Control capabilities, transport, and land for Marines, their equipment and supplies.

USS San Antonio departs Norfolk Friday, September 8 and is scheduled to return to port by late next week.

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NOTE: Media requesting additional information can contact Commander Second Fleet Public Affairs Officer @ (757) 443-9850 ex. 47127.

Media wishing to obtain b-roll footage or still imagery from USS San Antonio as the ship transits the Hudson River should contact Navy Visual News at 703-614-9154 or NavyVisualNews@navy.mil. If you would like to receive a link to this imagery automatically, please send your email address directly to NavyVisualNews@navy.mil

Information on USS San Antonio and USS New York is available by visiting <http://www.navy.mil/>. Use the ship type to find information on the ships.